

American Fork

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Artist Rendering

Utah County Opportunity Zones Get First Office Tower in American Fork

Woodbury Corporation, a full-service real estate management and development company, announced construction is underway on a five-story, 155,000 square foot Class A office tower in American Fork.

Located just north of I-15 between the 500 E and PG Blvd exits, Utah Valley Tower is in a prime location for commuters at either end of the valley. Utah Valley Tower will be one of the largest structures in the area, and in addition to office space it will also feature a gym, lounge, common meeting rooms, locker rooms, gazebos with lunch seating and more. The project is currently the only office building in North Utah County being built in a Qualified Opportunity Zone, which is designed to help spur economic development and job creation in communities throughout the country.

“We believe that this property will serve as Silicon Slopes’ gateway to American Fork,” said Randy Woodbury, president and CEO of Woodbury Corporation. “There’s a lot of activity in North Utah County, and this property has freeway exposure that’s unmatched.”

Regarding the tower American Fork City Mayor Brad Frost said, “We are excited to have this beautiful facility in American Fork and welcome the innovative businesses that will fill its floors. It is energizing to already see organizations taking advantage of American Fork’s Opportunity Zone; the only one in North Utah County.”

Construction on Utah Valley Tower has already begun in partnership with Babcock Design. It is anticipated that the facility will be ready for tenants as early as Q4 2020. ■

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CONTACTS

OFFICE NUMBERS

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

NON-EMERGENCY

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue	801-763-3045

ON-CALL/AFTER-HOUR

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	800-814-4311
Parks	801-404-1257

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From the Mayor's Desk

At the end of every year we ask residents to complete a community survey and I want to personally thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey this last December for 2019. In total we had 1,590 responses from our community.

The results of these surveys, which will be made public in March, are invaluable to myself, the city council, and staff as we begin our budgeting process for the next fiscal year. The results are presented to the city council and they are each given a copy of all the comments. It may seem like some questions are the same but that is by design. The survey acts as a report card for our organization from which we look at the scores of our departments and see if there are things we need to improve. From the survey we also discuss trends in our community, like roads and housing.

While solutions to these don't come overnight, your feedback has helped us plan strategically to move towards solutions. Thank you again for your participation, we hear you and we respect your feedback.

To see results from previous surveys and look for the coming 2019 survey visit www.afcity.org/survey. ■

American Fork City Welcomes New Management Team to the Senior Center

On February 11, 2020, Mayor Frost along with the City Council, appointed Stan Street as the new acting Director for the American Fork Senior Center. The Mayor and Council also appointed Kathy McKay, Ken Frost, and Jolene Demarco to the Senior Center Board of Directors. The new management team will be responsible for operating the myriad of services and activities the center provides such as meals, transportation, help with assisted living, health care services, and much more. We're excited to have Stan, Kathy, and Ken fill these pivotal rolls and we're confident they'll do a great job. For more information about the Senior Center, visit afcity.org. ■



From left to right: Stan Street, Jolene Demarco, Kathy McKay, Mayor Brad Frost, Ken Frost.

CTC — Social Development Strategy

One of the pillars of Communities That Care (CTC) is called the Social Development Strategy. In short, the Social Development Strategy says that if you provide young people with meaningful opportunities to be involved, teach them the skills to be successfully involved, and recognize them for their involvements, they develop a stronger bond to their community. Young people who are bonded to their commu-

nity are more likely to follow the healthy standards and beliefs set for them. Implementing the Social Development Strategy is a really crucial part of the CTC process and it's something every person in the community can use. Search for "American Fork Communities That Care" on Facebook to learn more about this strategy. If you'd like to be involved with CTC, email Ashleigh Nye. anye@afcity.net ■

TALK SHOP WITH A COP

The Dangers of Vaping

There have been several stories lately in the news about the dangers of vaping. The National Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported that Utah has a vaping illness rate that is six times the national average. While vaping is seen by some as a safe alternative to tobacco use, vaping does come with some risks. There have been reports of vaping-related deaths, including in Utah, as well as vaping-related lung illnesses.

A recent survey of Utah students in grades 8 through 10 indicated that the students are twice as likely as adults to engage in vaping. High school seniors reported the highest percentage at 15.5% among school age users of vaping devices.

The police department and the Communities that Care program is working on reducing the use of vaping products among



the youth in our community and in preventing use by those who have not started.

Utah law (Utah Code 76-10-105) prohibits the purchase, attempted purchase, possession or use of an electronic cigarette for those who are 18 years old or younger.

You are encouraged to contact the police department if you have any questions; e-mails may be sent to policetalkshop@afcity.net. Depending on the number and type of questions received, your question may be answered via the city newsletter, e-mail or phone call. ■



From left to right: Mayor Brad Frost, Officer Reyna Pedro, K-9 Zeus.

FEBRUARY HERO AWARD

Officer Reyna Pedro

In her short time in law enforcement Officer Reyna Pedro has had a profound impact for good in our police department and our community. With her accomplishments, and her example of hard work, empathy, service and compassion, it's no wonder that the NAACP have recently honored her with the First Responder Award.

After starting her career in November of 2017, Officer Pedro's immediate hard work and determination led her to become the department's first-ever female K-9 handler in April of 2019. Since completing K-9 school, Officer Pedro and K-9 Zeus have completed more than a hundred K-9 responses, helping remove many different forms of drugs off the streets. In addition, Reyna and Zeus have participated in numerous public events that have helped foster positive relationships within the community.

Officer Pedro has also excelled in her position as a N.O.V.A. officer, where she works with sixth-grade students in our community to help them to seek out positive opportunities, internalize good values, and accept accountability for their choices in life. Officer Pedro treats and teaches her students with

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a profound amount of respect and in turn her students look up to her as a role model. We fully expect to see at least one of her students grow up to become a law enforcement officer merely because of her example.

Officer Pedro is eager serve the community, which is why in 2018 she was awarded the police department's annual Community Policing Award. She has volunteered to help with many community events in both American Fork and Cedar Hills. From patrolling the streets, assisting with parades, shopping with less fortunate, teaching in schools, engaging our Hispanic population, and even sitting in dunk tanks, Reyna Pedro is always ready and willing to serve.

For someone who must deal with the bad in our community it's even more impressive that she can stand tall and represent what's good. We value and appreciate Officer Pedro. For this reason, we want to honor Reyna by giving her this Hero Award and declaring February 11, 2020 "Officer Reyna Pedro" day in American Fork City. ■

AF PARKS & RECREATION SPORTS SIGNUPS

BASEBALL

Leagues for Pre K – 12th grade. We have some exciting new leagues added to our baseball program that give you the option to choose what works best for your child. 1st-6th grade divisions allow you to choose between the Gold Division and Silver Division. Check out our webpage for all the details.

Registration Deadlines

Gold Divisions: March 3, 2020

All other divisions: March 18, 2020

SOFTBALL

Girls Softball 3rd-6th grade is open for registration. View the softball webpage for detailed information

Registration Deadline:

March 18, 2020

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

For 10-12th graders. Teams are coed and must be self-formed. Pick up a registration packet at the Fitness Center.

Registrations Deadline:

March 11, 2020

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Golf, Tennis, Skate Camp - Registration opens April 1.



The Friends of the American Fork Library invite you to join us for a little March Madness at BINGO for Books! This fundraiser will enable the Friends to provide books as incentives for the Library's Summer Reading Program. Everyone will take home a prize at this family-friendly event! Seating is limited, so purchase tickets, BINGO cards, and meal tickets at the Library in advance starting on March 2nd. Doors open at 5:30 pm with BINGO starting at 6. Help make this event a SLAM DUNK!

MARCH 2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	Location	Details
Mar 2 6:00 pm	Balcony Gallery Artist Reception with Heidi Boden	American Fork Library	
Mar 3 1:00 pm	Adult Craft Class	American Fork Library	Watercolors This month we will meet in the basement with Lori who will be teaching us how to paint watercolor flowers
Mar 5 4:00 pm	Magic Tree House Book Club	American Fork Library	"Dingoes at Dinnertime" for ages 6-8
Mar 9 7:00 pm	Family Night at the Library	American Fork Library	Leap Into Science! Hands-on activities to learn about the properties of wind and air
Mar 10 6:00 pm	Parenting Class	American Fork Library	A basic parenting class for anyone that is taking care of children, whether they are parents or not Held on Tuesdays through April 28
Mar 12 4:00 pm	Lego Club	American Fork Library	Spend an hour with us building Lego creations! For ages 5+
Mar 12 6:00 pm	Book-Themed Game Night	American Fork Library	Join us for a fun night of playing book-themed games! For Teens & Adults
Mar 13 -14	2020 Be Ready Utah Expo	Mountain America Exposition Center, 9575 State St Sandy, UT	The premier Be Ready Utah Expo offers classes, an interactive center, and exhibitors booths for emergency preparedness, health, and safety.
Mar 16 7:30 pm	Mapleton Chorale Concert in the Library Rotunda	American Fork Library	
Mar 16 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	8th Annual Utah Preparedness Expo	10640 Clubhouse Dr Cedar Hills, UT	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STARTS WITH YOU! State, county, and community vendors will be gathered to help provide information about how to be better prepared. Register for this FREE event at EventBrite.
Mar 19 4:00 pm	STEAM Class	American Fork Library	Leap Into Science! Building machines to help investigate the properties of wind for ages 8-11 Registration required at aflibrary.eventbrite.com
Mar 19 7:00 pm	An Evening of Irish Dance	American Fork Library	The Harp Irish Dancers help us celebrate Irish heritage and culture through dance
Mar 21 1:00 pm	Proper Tea with Special Guest, Author Sarah Eden	American Fork Library	Registration required at aflibrary.eventbrite.com
Mar 23 10:00 am	Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library Parent-Child Workshop	American Fork Library	A workshop for parents & children to learn techniques to help your child get ready to read using 5 fun and simple practices
Mar 23 6:30 pm	Movie Night at the Library	American Fork Library	Jumanji (1995 version)
Mar 26 7:00 pm	Hopeful AF: Finding Hope	American Fork Library	As a follow-up to our Aware AF Mental Health Series, best-selling author Jared Garrett will talk about finding hope, despite the effects of trauma or mental illness in your life
Mar 30 10:00 am	WILD Storytime with Tinkergarten	American Fork Library	Enjoy a story, become a king or queen of the wild things, and let loose in a wild rumpus!
Mar 30 6:00 pm	BINGO for Books	American Fork Library	The Friends of the American Fork Library fundraiser